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REMARKS

The last Office Action of June 29, 2005 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration of the instant application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, 7, 10, and 13 have been amended. No claims have been canceled or added. No amendment to the specification has been made. No fee is due.

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by German Offenlegungsschrift to Dörner et al.

Applicant has amended claim 1 by clearly setting forth in claim 1 that the cover has a hood-shaped body, rather than referring only in the preamble to the hood-shaped configuration. Although original claim 1 recites the presence of a hood-shaped cover, it is believed that claim 1 better encompasses the full scope and breadth of the invention, notwithstanding applicant's belief that claim should have been allowable as originally filed. The change to claim 1 is cosmetic in nature and does not narrow the claim to trigger prosecution history estoppel. Claim 6 has been amended to make it consistent with the amendment to claim 1. Independent claim 10 has been amended in a similar manner as claim 1, and claim 13 has been amended to make it consistent with the amendment to claim 10.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection of claim 1-17 for the following reasons:

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Claims 1 and 10, now on file, are directed to a cover for an electronic device, whereby the cover has a hood-shaped body and a cable guide for routing a connecting cable of the electronic device. The cable guide includes in the bottom of the body an opening which is configured to extend helically toward the device-distal side into a passageway for encompassing the connecting cable and terminates in a cable outlet disposed tangentially to the device-distal side of the body.

The Dörner et al. reference relates to an electric device having a connection cable (6) which is received in a cable holder (7) formed underneath a back wall (8). The Examiner noted that Fig. 2 shows a hood-shaped cover. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Fig. 2 of Dörner et al. depicts a rear view of the electrical device and shows the rear wall (8) that can also be seen in Fig. 1. The rear wall is not hood-shaped nor does Fig. 2 show any hood-shaped configuration. The only cover that is disclosed in Dörner et al. is shown in Fig. 5, which however relates to a cover for covering the cable holder only and not the electrical device. Thus, Dörner et al. fails to disclose the presence of a hood-shaped cover that has a hood-shaped body for covering the electrical device.

In addition, as stated above, the cable guide is constructed to define a helical passageway for the connecting cable. Dörner et al. fails to show the presence of such a helical passageway. Fig. 2 merely shows the cable wound in the form of a spiral. Please note that "spiral" configuration is different from a

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"helical" configuration in that a spiral extends in a same plane, while "helical" relates to a spread-out configuration (like a helix or screw thread).

For the reasons set forth above, it is applicant's contention that Dörner et al. neither teaches nor suggests the features of the present invention, as recited in claims 1 and 10.

As for the rejection of the retained dependent claims, these claims depend on claims 1 and 10, share their presumably allowable features, and therefore it is respectfully submitted that these claims should also be allowed.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and allowance thereof are thus respectfully requested.

Applicant has also carefully scrutinized the further cited prior art and finds it without any relevance to the newly submitted claims. It is thus felt that no specific discussion thereof is necessary.

In view of the above presented remarks and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all claims on file should be considered patentably differentiated over the art and should be allowed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully requested that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. If the

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Examiner feels that it might be helpful in advancing this case by calling the undersigned, applicant would greatly appreciate such a telephone interview.

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